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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Contract Pilot

1. On 17 October I took the opportunity of discussing with Mr. Houston the peculiar position we now find ourselves in with regard to [REDACTED] contract status with us, i.e., the fact that [REDACTED] has a valid contract with us even though he is disqualified from participation as a pilot with the AQUATONE program by virtue of his present physiological situation.

2. Mr. Houston examined the contract to see if the termination clause included a settlement provision in the event an individual was disqualified for physical reasons subsequent to the engagement of his services. Mr. Houston did not feel that the wording of the present document, which refers only to termination in the event of "wilful abandonment" and other phrases (see Section 7 of the contract), was sufficient to provide a means for termination on our terms unless these were acceptable to [REDACTED]

3. Accordingly, it was Mr. Houston's suggestion that, before we take any steps in the direction of an effort to reach a termination settlement with [REDACTED] we attempt to locate him another position within CIA either through the Commercial Division or possibly in [REDACTED]

4. I reviewed [REDACTED] record for Mr. Houston pointing out that he had experienced four years in college without graduating and had gone directly from college to the Air Force, where he had been a fighter pilot and little else, and I explained that, at his age (26) and with relatively small experience in jobs other than flying, my own predisposition was toward exploring the possibility of a contract with CAT as a multi-engine pilot following proper training. Mr. Houston was smitten with this idea and promised that he would, in his position as General Counsel of [REDACTED] investigate the possibility of a two or three-year renewable contract for [REDACTED] with that organization. [REDACTED] has already issued a CAA medical flight certificate for [REDACTED] and there appears to be no prohibition against his flying multi-engine aircraft at reasonable altitudes where sinus arrhythmia is not a factor.

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7. Mr. Houston promised to call me on or after 15 October to report on possibilities in [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] after which we can arrange suitable interviews with [REDACTED] and others here in headquarters.

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